



Remarks

Consideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

An amendment has been made to claim priority of the present application to a previously filed provisional application.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Kent A. Herink, Applicants' Attorney at 515-288-2500 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Date

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Kent A. Herink".

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